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Reply to
Attn of: OWW-191

Mr. Todd Thorn
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Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
P.O. Box 150
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Re: Response to November 8, 2018 Letter on Clean Water Act section 401 Certification for Grand Coulee Dam, WA0026867

Dear Mr. Thorn:

Thank you for your letter on November 8, 2018 on the EPA's draft 401 certification request on the preliminary draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Grand Coulee Dam. The letter also requests information on the anticipated date of public notice of the draft NPDES permit and Fact Sheet.

The EPA anticipates public notice of the Grand Coulee Dam in late December 2018 or early January 2019. Several processes are taking place which make it challenging to provide an exact date of the public notice. However, we will keep you informed on any changes to the anticipated public notice date and any changes to the preliminary draft NPDES permit prior to going out for public comment.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Wu at 206-553-6328 or 1-800-424-4372 ext. 6328, or wu.jennifer@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael J. Lidgard", is positioned above the typed name.

Michael J. Lidgard, Manager
NPDES Permits Unit